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50X1 1. Mlada Fronta of 27 Mar 52 included an article on the contribution made by the "young workers of Kovotex in Cerveny Kostelec /5029N-1606E/ toward securing peace throughout the world". No further information was given regarding Kovotex or what it produced.

50X1 2. [redacted] Cerveny Kostelec [redacted]
50X1 [redacted] is a town of about five or six thousand
50X1 inhabitants, and is about 40 km northeast of Hradec Kralove. It was a typical textile-manufacturing center and included large as well as small textile factories. During World War II, the Germans converted several of these factories to the production of aircraft parts; they were called Deutsche Gloeckner Werke, later simply Gloeckner. There was close cooperation between these plants in Cerveny Kostelec and the other Gloeckner plants in Nachod, /5029N-1610E/ also former textile plants which had been converted to assemble complete airplane engines. Nachod is about 10 km east of Cerveny Kostelec.

50X1 3. Since "kovo" means metal, it might be assumed that Kovotex is a corporation for the production of textile machinery, but [redacted]
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50X1 [redacted] It is hardly credible that the Czech Government would
50X1 have built a plant to produce textile machinery since the textile industry in the CSR is being drastically curtailed. The Germans used the cover name "Textil Werke" for the plants in Cerveny Kostelec and Nachod. Consequently [redacted] the Kovotex National Corporation in Cerveny Kostelec has nothing to do with the textile industry, but that the Czech Government has reopened the former German plants for the production of aircraft engines, parts, etc, as a part of its war production.

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